(d) what are the details of terrorist activities in Punjab during the same period and the steps taken to curb them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) According to available information about 2469 families have moved out of certain areas of Punjab to adjoining States upto 1st December, 1986.

(b) to (d) The Government of Punjab have informed that 109 persons have been killed in 568 violent incidents due to extremist activities during the period 1st August, 1986 to 21st November, 1986. During the same period 550 terrorists have been arrested and 25 killed.

The steps taken to curb terrorist activities in Punjab include intensification of Police patrolling, strengthening of police arrangements in areas prone to extremist violence, raids on the hide-outs of terrorists, their harbourers and associates and deployment of parliamentary forces.

Attacks on Gujarat samachar, etc.

3087. SHRI RAMAKRISHNA MAZUMDER: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the views expressed by the Press Council in its meeting held on October 29 last, regarding attacks on the Gujarat Samachar and Western Times the two dailies located in the same compound at Ahmedabad on April 23, 1985;

(b) if so, whether the Council's report indicated that the attacks were engineered by the Police and the Gujarat Government; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Government have seen Press reports to this effect.

(b) As per the information furnished by the Press Council of India the council did not consider it necessary to come to any final conclusion as to whether the incident was engineered by the local Police.

(c) The Council has reported that the decision in the matter was duly communicated to the Government of Gujarat. Since the matter essentially pertains to the State Government, it is for them to take appropriate action.

Setting up of digital electronic telephone Exchanges

3088. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the places where digital electronic telephone exchages have been set up so far;

(b) what steps are underway to set up such exchanges in other places; and

(c) by when such exchanges are proposed to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) E 10B Digital local/Tandem Electronic Telephone Exchanges have been set up at Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Kanpur, Pathankot and Srinagar.

(b) (i) A factory has been set up at Manakpur, UP to produce E 10B Type digital Local/Tandem Electronic Exchange Equipment. Production has commenced. Equipment from this factory has been allotted to various places in the country.

(ii) Small Electronic Exchanges of NEAX Type have also been imported from Japan for installation at various places.

(iii) ne exchange of 128 port capacity developed by Centre for Development of Telematics (C.DOT) has been installed at Kittoor (Karnataka) for field trial evaluation.

(iv) Two exchanges of 128 port and 512 port capacity developed by Indian Telephone Industries have been installed at Udayamperur (Kerala) and, Hebbagudi (Karnataka) respectively for field trial evaluation.

(c) These exchanges are under Planning|installation and will be commissioned progressively.

स्वतन्त्रता सेनानियों को पेंशन

3089. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मुंगेर जिला के अनेक स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों द्वारा स्वतंत्रता सेनानी पेंशन की स्वीकृति हेतु दिये गये आवेदनों पर बिहार सरकार द्वारा अपनी अनुशंसा भेज दिये जाने के बावजूद स्वीकृति प्रदान नहीं की गई है और कुछ मामलों में स्वीकृत पेंशन को रोक लिया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिन्तामणि पाणिग्रही) : (क) से (ग) जुलाई-अगस्त, 1986 के दौरान स्वतन्त्रता सेनानियों के बजाय आवेदन पत्रों को निपटाने के लिए एक विशेष अभियान चलाया गया । इसके परिणामस्वरूप सरकार ने सभी राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों के स्वतन्त्रता सेनानियों के लम्बित आवेदन पत्रों को निपटान कर दिया । केवल उन मामलों को छोड़कर जिनमें विशेष बातें थीं और जिस पर केन्द्रीय सरकार के स्तर पर गैर सरकारी जांच समितियों द्वारा निर्णय किया जाना है । इस अभियान के दौरान मुंगेर जिले के बकाया आवेदन पत्रों को भी निपटाया गया । जैसे-जैसे आवेदकों द्वारा प्रस्तुत किए गए अतिरिक्त दस्तावेजों के आधार पर बिहार सरकार से जांच रिपोर्ट प्राप्त हो रही है, केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा रद्द किए गए मामलों पर पुनर्विचार किया जा रहा है ।

कुछ मामलों में जिनमें मुंगेर जिले के मामले भी सम्मिलित हैं कोर्ट रिकार्ड के प्रमाण पत्र उपलब्ध न होने के कारण बिहार सरकार की सिफारिशों और प्रमुख स्वतन्त्रता सेनानी के निजी जानकारी के आधार पर जारी किए गए फरारी के प्रमाण पत्रों के आधार पर पहले पेंशन मंजूर की गयीं थीं । तथापि बाद में यह पाया गया कि इन मामलों में संबंधित कोर्ट रिकार्ड उपलब्ध थे और जिन आवेदकों को रिकार्ड उपलब्ध न होने के प्रमाण पत्रों के आधार पर पेंशन स्वीकृत की गई थी उनके नाम उपलब्ध रिकार्डों में फरार व्यक्तियों और हिरासत में रहे व्यक्तियों की सूची में नहीं थे । इन मामलों में पेंशन निलम्बित कर दी गई और उपलब्ध साक्ष्य के आधार पर उन पर पुनर्विचार किया गया था क्योंकि स्वतन्त्रता सैनिक पेंशन योजना के उपबंधों के अधीन कारावास के संबंध में सह-बन्दी प्रमाण पत्र और प्रमुख स्वतन्त्रता सेनानियों द्वारा निजी ज्ञान के आधार पर फरारी के संबंध में दिए गए प्रमाण पत्र तभी माने जाते हैं जबकि संबंधित अवधि के सरकारी रिकार्ड उपलब्ध न हों ।

Import of Technology

3090. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have entered into agreement with any country for import of such technology in which R&D have not shown any results;

(b) if so, what are the details;

(c) what are the key industrial sectors for which new technology and devices are required for modernisation of industry; and

(d) what measures Government propose to take to ensure that the workers may not suffer due to modernisation of technology?